

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mt. Juliet Police Officers Justin Cagle, Scott Fulton, Mark Jones, and Eric Joubert for their courageous act of bravery in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through public service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Justin Cagle, Scott Fulton, Mark Jones, and Eric Joubert have courageously served as police officers with the Mt. Juliet Police Department for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, these Mt. Juliet police officers served with great bravery and courage in the rescue of an automobile accident victim on December 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, for performing an exceptional act under extremely dangerous circumstances, Justin Cagle, Scott Fulton, Mark Jones, and Eric Joubert were awarded Police Medal of Merit commendations at the City Commission meeting on January 8, 2007, by Police Chief Winston Floyd; Wilson County Emergency Management Agency Director Jerry McFarland also presented the four officers with commendation awards; and

WHEREAS, while on routine patrol in the early morning hours of December 16, 2006, Mt. Juliet Police Officer Justin Cagle happened upon a one-vehicle collision at the intersection of South Greenhill Road and Willoughby Station Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, at the scene, Officer Cagle saw that a Jeep Grand Cherokee had struck a tree and was fully engulfed in flames; after alerting police dispatch of the emergency, Officer Cagle determined that a victim remained in the car, and he set about to attempt a rescue; and

WHEREAS, seconds later, Officer Eric Joubert arrived on the scene and assisted Officer Cagle in the rescue attempt; unfortunately the high intensity of the flames forced the officers to retreat; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Scott Fulton soon arrived to lend his aid to the rescue attempt, but, once again, the officers' attempts to douse the flames with a fire extinguisher were unsuccessful due to the fire's intensity; and

WHEREAS, upon the arrival of Police Officer Mark Jones, the brave men of the Mt. Juliet Police Department were finally able to pull the victim from the wreckage to receive medical attention from the emergency medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, Police Officers Justin Cagle, Scott Fulton, Mark Jones, and Eric Joubert , along with all of the members of the Mt. Juliet Police Department, have performed their duties as police officers with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; their service can only be categorized as outstanding, and they deserve proper recognition for their heroism as public servants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the valiant Mt. Juliet Police Officers Justin Cagle, Scott Fulton, Mark Jones, and Eric Joubert for their meritorious service in the face of imminent danger and thank them for their continual efforts to protect the safety and welfare of the good people of Mt. Juliet, Wilson County, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.